

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

March 7, 2021



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Important Reminders:

Turn off all cellular devices during the worship service.

Do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.

Maintain at least 6 feet between yourself and others and wear a mask.

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.
2 Corinthians 8:9*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:6, 9-14

Pastor: Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. And they sang a new song:

People: **You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.**

Pastor: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

People: **Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!**

Pastor: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

People: **To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever!**

Pastor: The four living creatures said, 'Amen!', and the elders fell down and worshiped.

** those who are able please stand*

*Praise Hymn

#296 - *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*
vs. 1, 3, 5, 6

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 20

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God
—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—
sent his Son to assume the nature
in which the disobedience had been committed,
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin
by his most bitter passion and death.

So God made known his justice toward his Son,
who was charged with our sin,
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,
who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,
giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love,
and raising him to life, for our justification,
in order that by him
we might have immortality and eternal life.

The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.
What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good.
 Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lone.
What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be - good. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's lives!"
 And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with long.
 Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes, a - blood.
 Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - Him.
 There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and part from His com-mand?
 And what will keep us to the bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us death
 will be de - stroyed, And we will feast in end - less end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. —
nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ — O sing ha - le - joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more. —
CHORUS
lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

Call to Confession

Joel 2:12-13

Even now, declares the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Corporate Confession

Heavenly Father you have commanded us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, to live self-controlled and godly lives in all gentleness and kindness, speaking evil of no one and avoiding quarrels. But we confess that we often let this former way of life creep into the present. We have been foolish and disobedient; we have allowed ourselves to be led astray by the evil one and have fallen prey to various passions and pleasures. And so we have become bitter and angry, full of envy and hateful to one another. Gracious Father, turn our hearts back to you. Renew us by your Holy Spirit that we might live as heirs of the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 1:18

*Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD.
Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Josh Garrett

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

Please fill out the information sheet beside your bulletin. Also, we encourage those watching online to 'make a comment' so that we can record your presence with us.

Memory Verse #42

Pastor: Let us recite Proverbs 29:11.

People: A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control; Proverbs 29:11.

Memory Verse #43

*A wife of noble character is her husband's crown,
but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones.
Proverbs 12:4*

*Hymn of Preparation

#644 - *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Contentious Woman
Selected Proverbs

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

The Sacrament of Communion

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please allow the elements to pass, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

Jesus, Thank You

Pat Szebel



1. The mys - t'ry of the cross I can - not com - pre - hend,
2. By Your per - fect sac - ri - fice I've been brought near.



the ag - o - nies of Cal - va - ry.
your en - e - my You've made Your friend.



You, the per - fect Ho - ly One, crushed Your Son,
Pour - ing out the rich - es of Your glo - rious grace,



drank the bit - ter cup re - served for me.
Your mer - cy and Your kind - ness know no end.



Chorus: Your blood has washed a-way my sin.— Je-sus, thank You. The Fa-ther's wrath



com - plete - ly sat - is - fied Je-sus, thank You. Once Your en - e - my,—



now seat - ed at Your ta - ble, Je-sus, thank _____ You. *2nd time to Bridge*



Bridge: Lov - er of my soul, I want to live for You. *2nd time to Chorus*

*Benediction

Revelation 1:5b-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Postlude

Visitors: Welcome! Please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or elders after the service. They would be glad to answer any questions you may have and would enjoy meeting you. *If you desire to receive email communications from the church, please email Monni Parrish at monni@nmpc.net and she will add you to the distribution list.*

North Macon Presbyterian Church

*NMPC exists to glorify and enjoy God, love and equip His people
for the work of His ministry, and make disciples of all nations.*

More specifically, NMPC seeks to glorify God and make disciples by...

Providing a Home

- Warm & welcoming
- Connected & caring for one another
- Vulnerable & gracious

Proclaiming the Gospel

- Christ-centered worship & expository preaching
- Classes to educate, encourage & equip
- Small Groups to disciple & deepen relationships

Partnering with Ministries

- North Macon Preschool
- *RUF, STF, CCS, EE, CC and OOD*
- 19 Missionaries (see page 11) & 2 short-term Mission Trips
- Central GA Presbytery & General Assembly

*Local Ministries

RUF – Reformed University Fellowship (Mercer, Wesleyan & Valdosta State)

STF – Strong Tower Fellowship

CCS – Covenant Care Services

EE – Evangelism Explosion

CC – Campus Clubs

OOD – Out of Darkness

Selected Proverbs

- 19:13 A foolish son is his father's ruin, and a quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping.
- 26:21 As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.
- 27:15-16 A quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping on a rainy day; restraining her is like restraining the wind or grasping oil with the hand.
- 21:09 Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.
- 25:24 Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.
- 21:19 Better to live in a desert than with a quarrelsome and ill-tempered wife.
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- 14:01 The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down.
- 16:24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.
- 12:04 A wife of noble character is her husband's crown, but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones.
- 11:16 A kindhearted woman gains respect, but ruthless men gain only wealth.
- 11:22 Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion.
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- 19:14 Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.
- 18:22 He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *The Contentious Woman*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Selected Proverbs

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Missionaries Supported by NMPC

1. **TREY AND KIKKI ADAMS** are in the states now and plan to return to **Thailand** later this year.
2. **MARGARET BAKER**, one of our own members, is providing administrative support to two of our missionaries, the Davilas and the Peters, in **Costa Rica**.
3. **BRIAN AND MANDY** are part of a team which is planting a city-center church in a city of 10 million people in **South Asia**. They are also involved in training a network of national church-planters.
4. **KAY BURKIN** is MTW's (Mission to the World) European liaison with refugees.
5. **RODNEY AND JANA DAVILA** minister in **Costa Rica**, planting churches and teaching and training pastors.
6. **JONAS AND CHRISTINA DAVISON** are part of a church planting team in **Japan** where they use the arts to build bridges for evangelism & discipleship.
7. **JEFF AND JAMIE** are church planters in **India**, and Jeff teaches rural pastors in a seminary.
8. **RICH AND CHRISSE GREETE** have a counseling ministry to **Mission to the World** missionaries here in the States and on mission fields in other parts of the world.
9. **DR. VICTOR AND NOSIZO NAKAH** are serving in **Africa** where Dr. Nakah is the international director of missions for Sub-Sahara Africa.
10. **JIM AND MARY ALICE PATTERSON** have been working with Wycliffe Bible Translators in **Australia and Malaysia** on Vernacular Media Services, a project which helps produce and edit God's Word in audio format for people groups who can then hear the Scriptures in their own language.
11. **DAVID AND ERIN PERVIS** are in a church planting ministry **Greece**, reaching people with the gospel through several means, one being teaching English.
12. **MIKE AND ELI SABIN** help spread the gospel throughout **Southeast Asia** by means of Trans World Radio on Guam. Christian programming is broadcast to places that otherwise would have no Christian witness.
13. **ROGER AND DIANNE SMALLING** write, distribute, and teach reformed literature in **Latin America**.
14. **DAL AND BETH STANTON** lead a church planting team in Sofia, **Bulgaria**. They have developed a special outreach, the "Daughters of Bulgaria", a ministry to women who have been victims of trafficking.
15. **NOAH AND KARLEIGH STEPHENS** are church planters in **Bangkok, Thailand**.
16. **JOSH TSAVATEWA** is a missionary sent out from NMPC who works among the **Yakama Tribe** in **Washington State** as a Teaching Elder with Sacred Road Ministries.
17. **BRUCE AND BARBARA WANNEMACHER** provide spiritual care, training and leadership for all MTW missionaries who are serving in **Sub-Sahara Africa**.
18. **STEPHEN AND SARAH YOUNG** worked in Perth, **Australia** with the **Japanese people**. They are now located in Tennessee where Stephen continues his work with the Japanese and Sarah, an acclaimed author of best-selling devotional books (*Jesus Calling*), continues her writing ministry.

JOHN AND DYLAN PETERS, who are former members of NMPC, have been working in **Costa Rica** alongside of the Davilas. They have completed a 3 year commitment and have returned to the states.

****CAROLINE FLEMING**, one of NMPC's own missionaries, has worked in Bible translation and literacy. She continues such work through Wycliffe Associates and is self-funded.

Pray for Our Members:

Levy & Joan Youmans
Billy & Beverly Adams
Jon, Morgan & Kennedy Adams
Rebekah Anaya

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

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Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Chelsea Dozier (3/14), Emily Lambert (3/24), Melissa Newell (6/14),
Bonnie Barnes Andree (6/22), Katie Singleton (6/25), Allie Monsted (7/28)

Newborns: Mary Louise Cathey, Ford Anderson, Genevieve Moran, Hayley Taylor, Summer Robinson, Charlie Cantrell, Olivia Nicholson, Frankie Schnetzer, Madison Covert, & Kennedy Adams

Members Caring for Loved Ones: Becky Gorman (Randy); Steve Smith (dad); Amelia Smith (mom); Howard Gordon (mom); Tricia Barton (mom); Monni Parrish (mom).

Recovering/Sick: Sally Lee (hip); Kathy Stanley (Parkinson's); Lisa Lee (neck).

Bereaved: Joe Timberlake (Peggy); Chase Singleton (dad); Jason Churchwell (dad); Margaret Rogers (dad); Liz Ream & the McKelveys (Buck); Nancy Dozier (mom); Tricia Barton (dad); Charles Baker (sister); Charlie Parrish (mom); Amy Self (mom); Chris Wilson (dad); Kathy Kersey (brother); Cathy Crumbley (mom); Cindy Voss (Ed); Justin & Haynes Studstill (Tyler); Jim Grier (Melanie); John Timms (brother); Cathie Dondos (David).

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Sunday School Classes

Adults: 1 Samuel—taught by Josh Garrett in the Fellowship Hall
Youth: *Biblical vs Cultural Liturgies*—taught by Mark Ballard & Anna Smith
3rd-6th Grade: *Listening to Jesus*—taught by Duncan Cantrell in Room 122
K4-2nd Grade: *Living Together: the Faithfulness of God in the Families of the Patriarchs*—taught by Jill Bloodworth and Caleb & Hannah Henning in Room 121.

Wednesday Night Activities

Dinner begins at 5:45 PM (\$5.00/adult/teen, \$2.00/child, family max \$15.00).

At 6:30 PM classes are offered for all ages:

Nursery (0-3 year old)

Children's Class (K4 - 6th grade)

Youth Group (7th - 12th grade)

Adult Bible Study: Proverbs from Luke's Gospel

The menu for Wed, March 10th is chili with toppings, salad, cornbread & lemon cake.

Small Groups

If you are interested in joining a Small Group, please contact Josh or Payton.

• Financial Update •

as of February 7, 2021

General Operations

2021 Receipts: \$ 91,060
2021 Expenses: \$ 86,717

Building Loan Balance

February 2021: \$ 616,255

Faith Promise for Missions

2021 Receipts: \$ 2,345
Needed by June 30: \$ 24,725
to support our 18 missionaries

• Announcements •

Monday Morning Prayer - We will gather for Monday Morning Prayer from 9:00 - 10:00 AM. If you have a prayer request, please let one of the pastors know.

Faith Promise - NMPC supports 18 missionaries around the world through Faith Promise giving, which is to prayerfully consider what amount of money God may be calling you to give—above and beyond the tithe—towards world missions in 2021. A list of our 18 missionaries is on page 11. Please turn in a response card today.

Soccer Equipment - Campus Clubs helps host a soccer league every year and they always need equipment. If you have any used (but still in good condition) soccer gear, or would like to donate towards purchasing new equipment, please place it in the donation box or contact Lindsay Garrett (706-466-0543).

Communion Instructions - Participants will come down the center aisle to pick up the elements (a cup of bread & a cup of juice). The center sections will come first, followed by the outside sections. Please hold the elements so that we can partake together.



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mission

To glorify and enjoy God, love and equip His people for the work of His ministry, and make disciples of all nations.

	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Session	Cleve Cunningham Neal Ham Dan Strawn* Jeff Thompson*	Jason Churchwell Tommy James	Ed Grimsley* Paul McCommon Rob Morton Howard Reed

	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Diaconate	Dwayne Benson Matt Cathey* Patrick Hoye Brandon Youmans	Lee Burch Hays Fyke Grant Nicholson Shane Self	Silas Peed* Wes Seay*

**indicates the officer is at the end of a 2nd term and will roll off*

Staff	Every Member, <i>Ministers</i>	Anna Smith, <i>Youth Assistant</i>
	Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i>
	Josh Garrett, <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Monni Parrish, <i>Administrator,</i>
	Duncan Cantrell, <i>Assistant Pastor</i>	<i>Financial Director & Pianist</i>
	Payton Churchwell, <i>Women's Ministry Coordinator</i>	Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i>
Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	Debbie McCommon, <i>North Macon Preschool Director</i>	

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